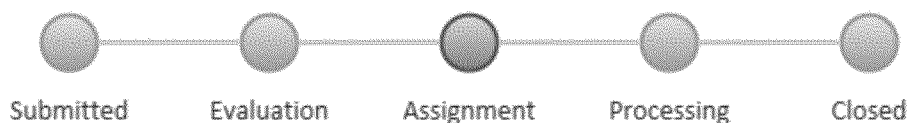


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**Subject:** FOIA - Gold King Mine - FOIA #: EPA-HQ-2015-009764

Hi Tito, Josh, & Brian- Do we have a POC to send the FOIA Requests to regarding the Gold King Mine incident? -Thanks!

### Request Details

**Status :** *Assignment Determination* **Due Date :** 09/10/2015



Tracking Number : EPA-HQ-2015-009764

Submitted Date : 08/11/2015

Requester : AnneClaire Stapleton

Perfected Date : 08/12/2015

Organization : CNN

Last Assigned Date : 08/12/2015

Requester Has Account : Yes

Fee Limit : \$300.00

Submission Details

Case File

Admin Cost

Assigned Tasks

Comments (1)

Review

### Request Handling

Requester Info **Yes**

Available to the Public :

Request Track : Expedited

Fee Category : **Media/Educational**

Fee Waiver Requested: No

Fee Waiver Status: N/A

Expedited Processing Yes   
Requested :

Expedited Processing Grant  
Status :

Request Perfected : Yes

Perfected Date : 08/12/2015

Acknowledgement Sent   
Date:

Unusual No  
Circumstances ? :

5 Day Notifications: ☐

Litigation : **No**

Dear EPA DC Office and Regions 6, 8 and 9 FOIA Officers,

On August 5, 2015, workers employed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) triggered a breach at the Gold King Mine outside Silverton in San Juan County.

Pursuant to the Federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (the "Act"), Cable News Network, Inc. ("CNN") requests access to and copies of all records relating to communications from the EPA ground team (the EPA employees and/or contractors who triggered a breach at Gold King Mine outside Silverton in San Juan County) to regional EPA offices and EPA headquarters in the hours and 10 days following the spill on August 5, 2015, specifically including, but not limited to email, internal communications, text messages, etc.

CNN agrees to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed \$300. Please notify me prior to your incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

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As I have made this request in the capacity as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your expediting the consideration of this request in every way possible. In any event, I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the Act requires. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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